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Serial No. 09/856,745) Bradley J. Van Pelt
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CONNECTING ROD WITH)
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Answer mailed August 19, 2005, Appellants now submit their Reply Brief. Accompanying this Reply Brief is a proposed Amendment. The reasons for submitting this proposed Amendment are set forth in the following remarks. With regard to the arrangement of this Reply Brief, the following lettered section headings correspond to the same lettered sections in the Examiner's Answer.

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